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Attorney Docket No. 121027-198
First Inventor Hikari KAWATA et al.
Title DISPOSABLE BODY FLUID ABSORBENT PAD
Express Mail Label No. EL697545512US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.

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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 15]

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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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| 1003 | 2003 | 520 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 2004 | 750 | 375 | Reissue filing | |
| 1005 | 2005 | 160 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 12 | -20** = 0 | X | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3** = 0 | X | 0.00 |
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| 1202 | 2202 | 18 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 2201 | 84 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 2203 | 280 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 2204 | 84 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 2205 | 18 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 1052 | 2052 | 50 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 1053 | 130 | 130 | Non - English specification | |
| 1812 | 1812 | 2,520 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 1804 | 920* | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1805 | 1,840* | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 2251 | 110 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1253 | 2253 | 930 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 2254 | 1,450 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2255 | 1,970 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 2401 | 320 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 2402 | 320 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 2403 | 280 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
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| 1452 | 2452 | 110 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 2453 | 1,300 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1503 | 2503 | 630 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
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| 1807 | 1807 | 50 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q) | |
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| 8021 | 8021 | 40 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 2809 | 750 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 2810 | 750 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
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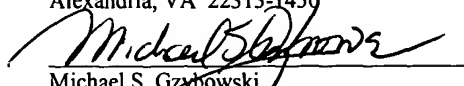
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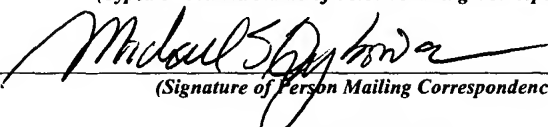
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